

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10-16, 18, 19, 21-35, 37-43, 45, 46, and 48-78 are allowed. Claims 8, 30-33, 35, and 62 are being amended.

Claims 8, 35, and 62 are being amended to provide correct antecedent basis. Independent claim 1 recites "passing" and thus dependant claim 8 has been amended to recite "passing" rather than "providing". Independent claim 28 recites "pass" and thus dependant claim 35 has been amended to recite "pass" rather than "provide". Independent claim 55 recites "passing" and thus dependant claim 62 has been amended to recite "passing" rather than "providing".

Claims 8, 30-33 and 62 are being amended to correct claim dependencies. Claims 8 and 62 should depend from claims 1 and 55, respectively. The correct dependency may be found, for example, in the corresponding dependent computer program product claim 35, which correctly depends from independent claim 28. Claims 30-33 should depend from claim 28. The correct dependency may be found, for example, in the corresponding dependent method claims 3-6, which correctly depend from independent claim 1, and the corresponding dependent system claims 57-60, which correctly depend from independent claim 55.

The applicant's representative Arrienne M. Lezak thanks Examiner Pan for the courtesy of a brief telephone conversation on January 31, 2008. During the conversation, the applicant's representative notified Examiner Pan of the amendments to the claims noted herein above.

Examiner Pan indicated that the amendments will likely be entered.

The applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added, that the proposed amendments do not require additional search or examination (for the reasons noted above), that

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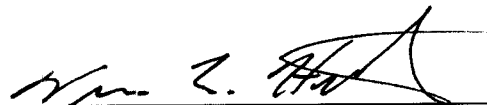
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the claims are patentable (for the same reasons), and asks that all claims be allowed in view of the amendment to the claims.

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